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# AP Support for Your Students in 2020-21

The Advanced Placement® Program (AP) enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. With new supports and greater flexibility, students have access to tools that will help them learn and track their progress, whether they're in an online, hybrid/blended, or in-person classroom this year.

## Greater Flexibility and More Resources

- **AP Classroom:** This online resource helps your students improve their performance all year long. It's mobile-friendly, so students can access it anytime, anywhere, once they've joined your class online. AP Classroom includes:
  - **Practice Questions:** Students can master content and skills with real AP questions their teacher assigns.
  - **Personal Progress Checks:** This tool gives students a real-time evaluation of their understanding of a unit's topics and skills.
  - **NEW! AP Daily Videos:** New, short learning videos led by expert AP teachers are now available in AP Classroom. Teachers can assign these videos as homework, or students can access them directly.
  - Send students here - [apstudents.collegeboard.org/access-your-ap-resources](https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/access-your-ap-resources) to get them started:
- **Worry-Free Registration:** Given this year's unusual circumstances, we'll waive the \$40 per exam cancellation or unused exam fee for any student who decides not to test—so every student should register for the exam before the November 13 deadline.

## Benefits of Taking AP in 2020-21

Wherever students are learning this year, AP gives them ongoing benefits, including:

- **Build skills and confidence.** AP students learn essential time management and study skills needed for college and career success. They dig deeper into subjects that interest them and learn to tap their creativity and problem-solving skills to address course challenges.<sup>1</sup>
- **Get into college.** Students who take AP courses signal colleges that they're serious about their education and willing to challenge themselves with rigorous coursework.<sup>2</sup>
- **Succeed in college.** Research shows that students who receive a score of 3 or higher on AP Exams typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher

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1. Crux Research Inc. March 2007. Unpublished institutional research.

2. The College Board. February 11, 2014. *The 10th Annual AP Report to the Nation*. New York: The College Board.

graduation rates than their non-AP peers.<sup>3</sup>

- **Save time and money in college.** Research shows that students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time.<sup>4</sup> Most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both for AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. This can mean:
  - Fulfilling graduation requirements early
  - Skipping introductory courses or required general-education courses
- **Boost GPA.** Most high schools offer a GPA boost to students that take AP courses and/or exams. This helps students stand out on college applications and stay motivated to take AP courses.

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